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**Community Action Partnership  
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# **Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security**

## **Summary Report**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007  
7:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**San Bernardino Valley College  
701 S. Mount Vernon Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92410**

**Poverty: A War Worth Fighting; "Winning this War Ensures Economic Security for All"**

# Introduction

On May 10, 2007 Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) presented the Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security. The Symposium was held at San Bernardino College and included over 180 participants from the community, schools, public and private agencies.

The purpose of the Symposium was to achieve broad consensus about the contemporary nature of economic insecurity, the policy of structural changes needed to create an economy that works for all, and the strategies that will most effectively achieve those changes.

Twelve panelists presented community specific information on the most commonly found variables of poverty. Variables included education, employment, health, housing, crime prevention and rehabilitation. The information obtained from the panel along with facts, figures, statistics and demographic data provided by Inland Empire Economist, Dr. John Husing Jr., was used by participants to provide recommendations on possible solutions and resources for eliminating poverty in San Bernardino County.

This document contains these recommendations.

## Steering Committee

The pre-symposium preparation was managed by the CAPSBC Symposium Committee in conjunction with The Steering Committee, a cross-section of public agencies, private organizations and other parties with a vested interest in expanding economic security for San Bernardino County.

The CAPSBC Symposium Committee, chaired by Deputy Director Charles Adams, also included Rowena Concepcion, Sandra Brown and Gerald Brown. Participation in this event commenced with a request by the Executive Director for CAPSBC to participate in the National Symposium on Poverty being planned by the National Community Action Partnership (CAP) and scheduled for May 29-31, 2007 in Bethesda, MD. Symposium Committee activities commenced in October 2006, and over the succeeding six months, the CAPSBC Symposium Committee followed the local planning guideline provided by the National CAP to formulate a local plan of action, develop a list of potential Steering Committee members, select a venue, and implement the plan.

Once formed, the Steering Committee convened a series of four (4) planning meetings beginning March 2007, and provided input and suggestions on participants, discussion topics, guest speakers, and panelists for the panel discussions. Steering Committee members also created a storyboard describing their agency's efforts to promote economic security. Storyboards were on display, along with brochures and other materials, for Symposium participants to take with them.

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# Symposium on Poverty and Economic Security- Event's Agenda

Thursday May 10, 2007

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7:30 – 8:00 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast

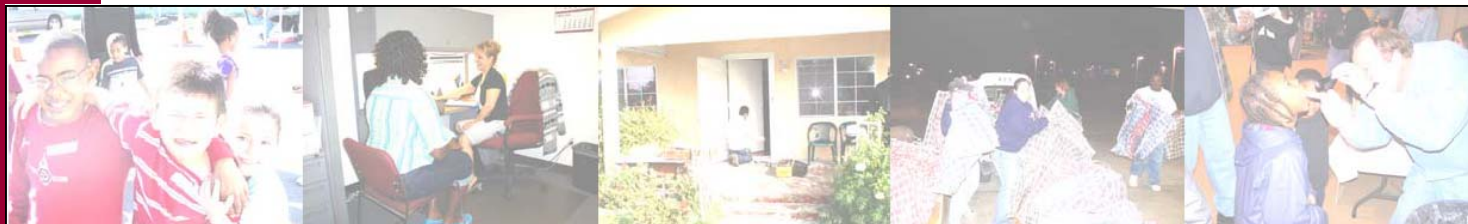
## PROGRAM

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| <b>I. Welcome</b>                             | - | <b>Al Twine, Chairman</b><br>Community Action Board<br><br><b>Denise Whittaker, President</b><br>San Bernardino Valley College  |
| <b>II. Purpose of Poverty Symposium</b>       | - | <b>Patricia L. Nickols, Executive Director</b><br>Community Action Partnership  |
| <b>III. Guest Speakers</b>                    | - | <b>Josie Gonzales, Board of Supervisors</b><br>County of San Bernardino, Fifth District<br><br><b>Dr. Herb Fischer, Superintendent</b><br>San Bernardino County Schools |
| <b>IV. Video Presentation</b>                 | - | <b>“Still Struggling in the Land of Plenty”</b>   |
| <b>V. Research Presentation</b>               | - | <b>Dr. John Husing, Jr.</b><br>Inland Empire Economist  |
| <b>VI. Panel Discussion on Poverty Issues</b> |   |   |
| <b>VII. Lunch/Breakout Session</b>            |   |   |
| <b>VIII. Wrap-Up</b>                          | - | <b>Dr. LeRoy Wm. Nattress, Jr.</b><br>Urban Community Project   |
- Highlights of Discussion  
Declaration of Commitment to Ending Poverty in San Bernardino County  
Role of Agencies

**Moderator/Facilitator: Gloria Affatati**, Performance, Education and Resource Center  
(Special thanks to Transitional Assistance Department)

**To Download Presentations**

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/capsbc/poverty.htm>





# Guest Speakers and Keynote Speaker



**Al Twine**

CAPSBC Board Chairman  
Welcomed Attendees on Behalf of the CAPSBC  
Community Action Board



**Patricia L. Nickols**

CAPSBC Executive Director, Discussed the  
Purpose of the Symposium



**Gloria Affatati**

Performance, Education and Resource Center,  
Moderator and Facilitator for the Event



**Denise Whittaker**

President of San Bernardino Valley College  
Welcomed Attendees on Behalf of Valley  
College



**Josie Gonzales**

5th District, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors  
Spoke on Importance of Collaborations to Address Poverty



**Dr. Herb Fischer**

San Bernardino County Schools  
Spoke on Importance of Education in  
Addressing Poverty

## *Dr. John Husing, Poverty Symposium Keynote Speaker*



Dr. Husing's firm, Economics & Politics, Inc. is a major source of information for public and private entities trying to understand the future economic potential of Southern California and the logistics industry. His forecasts and information are detailed in the Inland Empire Quarterly Economic Report which he has written for 19 years. Dr. Husing is also a featured columnist for Inland Empire's The Business Press.

At the Poverty and Economic Security Symposium, he enlightened the audience with his Inland Empire 2007... extensive research presentation. A full copy of his presentation is available for download at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/capsbc/poverty.htm>.



# Panel Discussions

The CAPSBC presentation on poverty in San Bernardino County, the research presentation by John Husing and the Panel discussions set the tone for the breakout sessions by providing empirical data on poverty information to the Symposium from the five focus areas of Education, Employment, Healthcare, Housing and Crime Prevention/Rehabilitation. Statistics on countywide poverty, childhood and senior poverty, employment, wages, housing costs, and health coverage were made available to Symposium participants.

## Panelists

### Education

**Dr. Matthew Isaac**, District Director,  
Professional Development Center, SB Valley College

**Margaret Hill**, Interim Assistant Superintendent,  
County Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. Don Averill**, Chancellor,  
San Bernardino Community College District

### Employment

**Dr. Mildred Henry**, Chief Executive Officer,  
Professional Accelerated Learning (PAL) Center

**Sandy Harmsen**, Interim Director,  
Workforce Development Department

### Health

**Dr. Juan Carlos Belliard**, Associate Professor of Global Health,  
Loma Linda University

**Kevin Mahany**, Director, Advocacy & Health Communities,  
St. Mary Medical Center

### Housing

**Daniel Nackerman**, Director,  
Housing Authority of San Bernardino County

**Dave Larsen**, Interim Director,  
Community Development & Housing

### Crime Prevention/ Rehabilitation

**Chief Jim Bueerman**, Chief of Police,  
Redlands Police Department

**Miriam J. Gomez**,  
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

**Sgt. Ron Maass**,  
San Bernardino City Police Department



# Breakout

The breakout sessions gave participants the opportunity to offer ideas and input among the five f Rehabilitation. The table in the following pages summarizes the results from the breakout session

- ◆ Each subject area will form a group at a table around the room. When the subject area group
- ◆ Each subject area group identifies goals, strategies, accountability measures, sources of fund
- ◆ Each subject area group will present the information.



## AREAS OF DISC

- Education
- Employment
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Crime Pre
- Rehabilita





# Sessions

focus areas of Education, Employment, Healthcare, Housing and Crime Prevention/ions. Participants were given the following instructions:

o forms, the first order of business is to select a discussion leader, time keeper and scribe.

ding and responsible organizations for their subject area.

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### ***Miscellaneous Recommendations***

Following are recommendations that were given during the breakout sessions, these suggestions are in addition to summary table on the next pages.

1. Get directors of key organizations or representatives who can make decisions, meet together monthly e.g. Education, Health, Social Services, Probation, etc.
2. Organize schools as the area communities' center. Area center (elementary) have organizations in Education, Health, Social Services, Probation share funds and personnel on a regular basis e.g. nurse, social worker, physician etc
3. Open schools 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and coordinate recreation, tutoring, music, arts, etc. for after school programs.
4. Hire and pay kids to help kids (older helping younger) for tutoring, recreation coaches, etc. Paying jobs for kids also seniors and others could pay or volunteer.

### **Ideas & Concerns particular to Housing**

1. Deal with short-term care
  2. Housing for mothers and children (or assist) persons recovering
  3. Substance abuse recovery treatment
  4. Housing for men
  5. Coordinating shelter care, provide independent living skills training (e.g. case management)
  6. Change conditional use (facility)
  7. Joint effort city/County
  8. Build solid foundation/development
  9. Housing vouchers/limited utilization and shelter availability
  10. Money available for services/building limited
  11. Focus approach-conditions on existing housing
  12. Concerns with mental health, substance abuse and homelessness
  13. Education-Independent Living Skills, tenant rights, home ownership
  14. Partnerships, coordination, collaboration with existing agencies
- Duplication, leverage dollars, holding landlord accountable, maintenance (existing housing), renovation, one stop shop, service provided under one roof, income and rent limits

## Breakout Sessions Discu

Policy Area	Goals	Strategies	
Education	Improve Educational Performance Improve workforce readiness	Parent Education Business Involvement	Parent High Low Beha
Employment	Existing businesses provide on-the-job training with Federal grant dollars and with community and local business involvement Schools provide job training of relevant skills On-site child care Start on motivation to work long before high school (as early as elementary school) Attract industry clusters Family instills values 2 year CETA programs/JTPA	Mentoring program Start early on Businesses hire less than perfect employees Model it after "Adopt a school" On the job training yields the required experience to get a job Encourage trade/craft apprenticeships Work with unions Teachers make it relevant to our lives Values clarification in schools and work ethic Parent involvement Community-based SSL & ESL	2 ye State
Healthcare	Healthcare to include: General Health care (medical) Eye care Dental care Mental health Get information to people where they are: Parks Malls Outreach health fairs	Combined with goals	Arres early ease (Cou a
Housing	Long term affordable housing Improving existing housing	Use community development programs Housing rehab-affordable housing CHDO Make available programs accessible Educations	Land Resp
Crime Prevention & Rehabilitation	Broaden horizons for future Involve parents	Mentoring Market available programs Provide incentives for parent involvement	Non

## Conclusions a

At the close of the meeting, participants were invited to sign the Declaration of Commitment to e  
sium Report to all interested parties, and will host a follow up meeting of the Steering Committee  
(This Declaration of Commitment is attached in this report for your convenience)



# Session Summary Table

Accountability Measures	Resources/Funding	Responsible Organizations
Parental Involvement High Graduation Rate Low Truancy Rate Behavioral Change	CA Dept. of Education Networking Partnerships Tax incentives First Five	Local School Districts CAPSBC Local Corporations Local Media Government Officials
Char program certifications Tax incentives	Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act Employment Development Department Private Foundations	Churches (especially those building collaboratives) Probation Dept Social Services EDD Mental Health Substance Abuse programs Rehab Depts Degreed professionals OSHA Partner with ADP on payroll services
Preventing infectious outbreaks to prevent the spread of disease County, City Health Depts./agencies	Family Pact Foundations Sliding fee scale First 5 MIA Grants from major medical providers	County Health Depts FQHS (Federally Qualified Health Clinics)-back by 330 Grant Human Services Inland Regional Centers Local Politicians
Landlords Responsible parties	Tax credits Tax exempt bonds Grants Prop 1C	Housing & Community Development HUD Utility companies Responsible parties (everyone, partnership between landlords, tenants, local businesses, government, etc.)
As Stated	Juvenile justice Government funding SAMSA San Manuel Mission Indians Foundation for Arts Race Association	Parks and recreation Commission on Status of Women Incentive support-Stater Brothers Non-profit Community Action Partnership United Way

## And Next Steps

End poverty in San Bernardino County. CAPSBC committed to providing a copy of this Symposium following the National Poverty Summit to discuss future plans for San Bernardino County.

# Poverty and Economic Security





# ty Symposium Participants







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